Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (December 11) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Fatal traffic accident in North Point

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in North Point this afternoon (December 10) in which two men and two women, aged from 70 to 83, died.

At about 2pm, a 62-year-old man parked a school bus on Cheung Hong Street near Fort Street. The school bus was reportedly skidded forward in a sudden and knocked down the man. The school bus continued to skid forward along Cheung Hong Street, hit two taxis and rammed into a shop on Hei Wo Street.

In the accident, an 80-year-old female pedestrian was certified dead at scene. A 70-year-old female pedestrian was sent to Ruttonjee Hospital and was later certified dead. Two male pedestrians, aged 77 and 83 respectively, were sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and were later certified dead.

In addition, the 62-year-old school bus driver, six male pedestrians and four female pedestrians, aged 22 to 89, were injured and sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and Ruttonjee Hospital respectively for medical treatment.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident or has any information is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6800 or 3660 6838.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (December 9) seized about 750 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$780,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

A 24-year-old male passenger and a 20-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil via Rome, Italy and Paris, France yesterday afternoon. Upon examination of the luggage of the male passenger, suspected cocaine was found inside the false compartments of two perfume bottles and two jars of hair care products. The two passengers were then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



<u>Appeal for information on missing man</u> <u>in Tsuen Wan (with photo)</u>

Police today (December 10) appealed to the public for information on a

man who went missing in Tsuen Wan.

Chan Chi-shing, aged 25, went missing after he was last seen at a bus stop on Tsuen King Circuit on December 7 night. His family made a report to Police yesterday (December 9).

He is about 1.75 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a round face with yellow complexion, short straight black hair and a tattoo on his left forearm. He was last seen wearing a black long-sleeved sweater with hood, blue sports trousers, white shoes and carrying a black shoulder bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176, 5431 5066 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Immigration Department responds to media enquiries

In response to media enquiries related to a Hong Kong permanent resident holding more than one Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) passports, the Immigration Department (ImmD) has reviewed the relevant records and confirmed that the assessment, issuance and cancellation of the passports of the person concerned had been performed strictly according to the relevant laws and regulations. As the statement announced by the ImmD yesterday (December 9), any HKSAR passport holder shall be in possession of only one valid HKSAR passport at any time.

The ImmD has been issuing HKSAR passports to the public since the return of Hong Kong to the Motherland. It is reiterated that the ImmD has all along been working in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. In addition, the ImmD has a comprehensive system to ensure the HKSAR passports being issued in an effective and accurate manner.